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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Eugene Beauchamp; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Beauchamp was born on August 31, 1925 in Leland, Mississippi; he was the third son born to James and Lillie Gertrude Beauchamp; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Beauchamp grew up as the son of sharecroppers in the town of Utica, Mississippi; as a child, he enjoyed hunting with his father and brother, A.V., and eating southern-style food with his older brother, James Albert; and

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WHEREAS, When he was old enough, Eugene Beauchamp left home with his brother A.V. to work and send money back home to his family; in 1944, he enlisted in the United States Army with his parents' permission; during his 20 year career with the Army, he achieved the rank of Master Sergeant before his honorable discharge in 1964; he was also able to see many locations around the world, including Germany and Israel; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Beauchamp worked for several places before starting his second 25-year career with the Ford Motor Company; he also pursued a career as an entrepreneur, building two homes in Maywood and owning several properties in Maywood and

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1 Chicago; and

2 WHEREAS, Eugene Beauchamp accepted Christ at an early age  
3 and joined the Methodist Church; upon arriving in Maywood, he  
4 joined the Second Baptist Church of Maywood under the late  
5 Reverend Robert A. Hayden; as a member of the church, he served  
6 as a Trustee, a Men's Day Captain, and a member of the Male  
7 Chorus; and

8 WHEREAS, On September 28, 1958 he married Betty Louise  
9 Lewis and to that union Wanda, Gary, Ronald, and Cheryl were  
10 born; Betty preceded him in death after 42 years of holy  
11 matrimony; and

12 WHEREAS, Eugene Beauchamp is survived by his wife, Angela;  
13 his children, Delores, Joseph, Wanda (David), Gary, Ronald  
14 (LaVerne), and Cheryl; his nine grandchildren, 12  
15 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild; his  
16 brother, Albert Victor (A.V.); his uncle, C.J. Beecham; his  
17 aunt, Betty Mapp; his extended family, Jann Beauchamp, Clarence  
18 (Barbara) Lewis, Bernice Sykes, and Naomi (Robert) Webber; his  
19 cousins, nieces, and nephews; his special close friends of the  
20 family, the Mabins, Maclin, Freelon, and Hayden families; and  
21 his extended church family at Bethel Green; and

22 WHEREAS, Eugene Beauchamp will be remembered by all who

1 knew and loved him for his helpful demeanor, especially Senator  
2 Kimberly A. Lightford, who affectionately referred to him as  
3 Daddy Beauchamp, and his endless love for his beloved children;  
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
7 his family and friends, the passing of Eugene Beauchamp; and be  
8 it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Eugene Beauchamp as an expression of  
11 our sympathy.